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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the force protection exercise are welcome to do so on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 and must arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination. Representatives from the Texas Military Department and participating agencies will be available for interviews.

Members of the media are required to coordinate coverage and RSVP no later than Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017 by 4 p.m., with the state Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620; email: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Camp Mabry can be accessed from the Maintenance Drive gate off of 35th Street. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas National Guard to host coordinated force protection exercise with local first responders

AUSTIN, Texas (Feb. 13, 2017) – The Texas Military Department, along with the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services will conduct a coordinated force protection training exercise at Camp Mabry, in Austin, on Feb. 16, 2017.

This scenario-driven training exercise will test the policies and procedures in place, enhance security, improve communication between agencies and provide valuable hands-on training necessary for Camp Mabry security and local responders to better prepare, respond and protect the camp and its surrounding areas.

“Much like our disaster response to fires or floods, preparation and pre-coordination with all parties is critical to maximizing safety on the installation,” said Lt. Col. Paul Mancuso, Camp Mabry Garrison Commander. “With the safety and preservation of life paramount to the leadership, our ability to regularly conduct force protection exercises in a rehearsed setting maximizes preparedness of all personnel.”

Again, this is an interagency training exercise and there are no immediate threats to Camp Mabry or the surrounding area.

During this time, the post will remain open to the public, however it is possible visitors may experience service delays.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

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The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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